



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06879.0004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yukio WATANABE et al.) Notice of Allowance Dated: June 24, 2004
Application No.: 10/019,658) Group Art Unit: 1722
Filed: January 2, 2002) Examiner: J. Del Sole
For: HARDNESS TAPER TUBE AND) Confirmation No.: 9996
PRODUCTION METHOD AND)
DEVICE THEREFOR)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Sir:

SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please replace the drawings in the above-identified application with the six (6) replacement sheets of formal drawings filed herewith containing Figs. 1-7. If the replacement sheets for any reason are not in full compliance with the pertinent statutes and regulations, please so advise the undersigned.

If any fees are necessary for the submission of these formal drawings, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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